

MESSINGER'S REMOVAL SALE

Saturday, Feb. 6 to 15, $\frac{1}{3}$ Off on all Winter Underwear, Flannel Shirts, Mackinaws, Sweaters, Etc.

Men's and Boys' Overcoats at nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ price.
 $\frac{1}{4}$ Off on all Regular Goods except Shoes.

MESSINGER'S
OPPOSITE CITY HALL

We move into the remodeled Pollasky Block, and must reduce our stock.

TOWN LINE

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ely Lamb, who has been very sick, and under the care of Dr. Lamb of Alma, is somewhat better at this writing.

Mrs. Frank Ellis and daughter have been the guests of Mrs. John Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Church were in Ithaca on business Saturday.

Sheral Callahan of Shepherd visited with his father-in-law, James Porterfield and family last Wednesday.

Simon Oberlin of Cron spent last Tuesday with George Webb and family.

Mrs. Clyde Downs and mother, Mrs. Anna Wilson of Merrill visited with friends and relatives in Ithaca last week.

Clayton Church is confined to his home with a severe attack of measles.

Mrs. C. Nelson of Alma spent several days last week as the guest of Floyd and Lyle Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Kiser called on friends in this neighborhood last week.

Richard Small of Merrill returned to his home several days ago after spending a few days with friends in this district.

Several teams are hauling gravel from the gravel pits of J. H. Church for repair work on the Pollasky block in Alma.

Mrs. Rose Welch has purchased the John Wright home in Alma and expects to occupy it immediately.

Clinton Nelson of Alma had a carload of cattle shipped from Shepherd recently and placed on the farms of his sons Lyle and Floyd Nelson.

Mrs. Lewis Engerham, who has been very sick under the care of Dr. Valentine, of Elwell, is somewhat better.

H. J. Hyde entered his horse "Meadow Boy," at the ice races in Alma last Thursday.

Herbert Osborn of Riverdale was a guest of George Webb and family last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ferris attended the meeting of the Arcadia Farmers' club held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mainline, last Thursday.

Miss May Bissell, a former resident of this district, was married recently to Jesse Vibber of Breckenridge. The couple were married at Saginaw.

Harry Watkins and George Newman have been employed by Herbert Bam-borough during the past week.

Mrs. J. B. Heavins and son of Illinois, are the guests of Mrs. Charles Anderson, who is the daughter of Mrs. Heavins.

Mrs. Albert Benson has recovered to some extent from injuries received a short time ago.

The school report of Brick district No. 7 for Arcadia and Pine River township for the month ending January 29, 1915, follows:

Teacher, Miss Ruby Flower; number of days taught, 20; pupils enrolled, 13; average daily attendance, 11; total attendance, 237. Pupils neither tardy nor absent during the month are Howard Omans and Russell Omans.

Miss Sadie McCollum of North Wheeler who has recently been the guest of Hamilton Gee and family, also the guest of Mrs. George Kirby and family, of Arcadia, returned to her home last Thursday.

Mrs. A. Moffett, who has served as a nurse at the home of Barney Snyder for the past few weeks, returned to her home last Thursday.

Mrs. Barney Snyder and daughter have recovered to some extent from their illness.

Miss Vera Thomas returned to her home here several days ago, after a very pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Roy Moore of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. William Michael and Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Richardson spent Tuesday evening at the home of Thomas Ingraham.

Miss Emily Conley spent last week at the home of her son Arlie Conley.

Mrs. Fred Byers has recovered from her recent illness.

Mrs. Ray Palmer is in Shepherd at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ashworth, who sustained a serious fall recently.

Mrs. Emily Conley spent Thursday with Mrs. S. Cline.

Mrs. William Thomas left for Lansing, last Thursday, to visit her daughter, Mrs. Ray Crawford.

Charles Gallagher and wife visited at the home of D. Conley, Thursday.

Civil Service Examinations

Civil Service examination will be held in Alma, Feb. 24th, 1915, for Electrician in the Custodian service at Detroit, Mich. Further information of the above may be obtained of Frank O. Parker at postoffice.

MRS. CHARLES S. WHITMAN.



Photo by American Press Association.

The wife of the new governor of New York is shown here as she pours tea for a visitor.

WHEELER

Mrs. Dygert's brother visited her last week.

The Wheeler Epworth league will give a social and entertainment Friday night. Everyone is cordially invited.

The Gleaners installed the following officers Thursday night: Chief Gleaner, Frank Swope; vice-chief, Wright Barnes; secretary and treasurer, Eva Barnes; chaplain, Martha Jones; conductor, James Jones; lecturer, Jennie Swope; inner guard, Claude Stowe; outer guard, Walter Hale; after which a fine oyster supper was served by the lady members.

The W. C. T. U. had their regular monthly meeting last Thursday.

The meeting was "Mothers' Meeting." The very interesting program was in charge of Mrs. Eva Barnes.

Last Friday evening a jolly bunch of young people went for a sleigh ride to the home of Archie Ward. Inasmuch as the road was quite bare of snow most of the way the sleigh ride became a walking bee. The welcome and good time enjoyed by all, however, made up for the walking.

Don't forget the farmer's meeting Friday afternoon at the town hall.

Mr. Federspiel was in Alma Monday.

Mr. Daniels was in Lansing on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Botts are visiting their son, George Botts.

Mr. Wheeler was in St. Louis Sunday night.

The funeral of Charles Bush was held here Friday.

Mrs. Klenke is in Saginaw visiting her sister, Mrs. Tuttle.

William Bradford was in Ithaca on Wednesday.

Mrs. Pheba VanOrman returned on Wednesday to her home in Jackson, Michigan.

Mr. Brumby from Ohio, who has been visiting his cousin, Mrs. Powell, returned recently to his home.

Mr. Gunsola's brother and wife from Bellville, Ontario, are visiting him.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fowler made a business trip to Alma Monday.

George Dalrymple and D. Whitman were in Saginaw Thursday.

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The dance at the K. O. T. M. hall Friday night was quite well attended.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mulford and Mrs. Rose McGreanor and two children spent Sunday with Bird Myers and family of New Haven.

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The Story Tellers' league met Friday, January 29. The following program committee was appointed: May Price, Hazel Gephart, Ernest Baird, May Wolansky and Carl Yourry.

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The Debating club, Marie Baird, leader; Alfred Wolansky, Harold Johnstone, Russel Allen, and Edmund Wolfgang, debated with the town team—Mrs. Eva Barnes, leader; Mr. Folbert, Miss Miller, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Rafter. The school debating club took the affirmative side and Mrs. Barnes was leader of the town team.

who took the negative side of the question, "Resolved, That Congress Acted Unwisely in Passing the War Tax Bill." Affirmative side, 15 points; negative side, 12 points. Judges, Jay Ellsworth, Mrs. Cora Wilson and Mr. Brumby. The debate was held in the League room of the M. E. church.

SUMNER

Howard Philips of Newark visited his parents here Monday.

Clyde Thompson of Saginaw spent Monday with F. J. Tucker enroute to Salt Lake City, where he has a position as superintendent of the vinegar plant.

Emory Mulford went to Ann Arbor Monday with his little daughter, Ruth, for treatment at the hospital.

I. F. Tucker was called to Clare on Tuesday by the illness of his brother, Morris Tucker. He is reported better at this time.

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Month ending January 29, 1915. Number of days taught, 20. Grand total number days attendance, 366 1-2.

Number of pupils enrolled, 20. Pupils not absent or tardy during the month are: Nettie Enterline, Doris Parles, Willie Bigelow, Valerie Ball, Ruth Miller, Frank Davis, Hazel Kelley, and Frank Pattee.

Students on the honor roll for this month are Hazel Kelley, Emilie McFaul, Nettie Enterline and William Bigelow.

Clifford Link was a visitor the morning of January 18th.

A visit from persons interested in our work is always welcomed.

CARSON CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fuller returned to their home at Hillsdale after a short visit here.

E. D. Weaver made a business trip to Shepherd and Mt. Pleasant the first of the week.

Roy Warner has purchased on interest in R. F. Emersons dairy business.

Mary Minch was confined to her home several days last week owing to sickness.

Solomon Gettleman of Detroit, is spending several days, here.

Amos Evey has purchased a house visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. M. A. Rice, Sunday.

A. F. Sance left for Lansing, the first of the week to spend some time as the guest of his daughter. He intends to visit his son, in Detroit before he returns.

Charles Adams made a business trip to Lansing, last Tuesday.

Mrs. C. A. Evey is again in possession of the millinery store which she has just purchased of Mrs. J. L. Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Clark visited in Middleton, one days last week.

Two sleighs carried crowds from here to attend the revival meetings at Riverdale, last week.

Albert Fillmore is carrying mail during the absence of his brother who is enjoying a vacation.

Mrs. H. V. Wade returned Wednesday after a visit at Racine, Wisconsin.

Mrs. C. J. Evans returned Friday from an extended visit at the home of her daughter in Benton Harbor.

Mr. Stebbins of Grand Rand was in town last of the week.

Mr. Ira Cummings, spent several days this week in Crystal.

Floyd Cliffe of Lakeview is the guest of Miss Helen Wright and other friends in Carson City.

Stanley Straight is visiting at the home of his uncle, Martin Straight.

Mrs. Henry Benoit of Detroit, arrived Saturday evening. Mrs. Benoit expects to make her home here.

Harold Goodwin made a business trip to Greenville, the first of the week.

Herbert Bond took dinner with Howard Nelson, Sunday.

Bess Somers visited in Muskegon over Sunday.

Mrs. E. B. Collins is spending the week in Belding.

Ben Moss of Ann Arbor is visiting at the home of his brother, Dr. R. B. Moss.

Mr. Cadwell went to Traverse City, the first of the week to visit his wife, Lavern Stoudt is working for the Rockerfellow Grain Co.

Inah Mercer who is teaching school near Greenville, visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mercer, Saturday and Sunday.

Mervin Lock of Ithaca, is visiting at the home of G. D. Lock.

Arthur Langs, wife and daughter, returned this week after an extended visit in Ithaca.

Prompt Action Will Stop Your Cough. When you first catch a Cold (often indicated by a sneeze or cough) break it up at once. The idea that "It does not matter" often leads to serious complications. The remedy which immediately and easily penetrates the lining of the throat is the kind demanded. Dr. King's New Discovery soothes the irritation, loosens the phlegm. You feel better at once. "It seemed to reach the very spot of my Cough" is one of many honest testimonials. 50c at your Druggist.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

Will Be Conducted By Alma Churches in March

The churches of Alma have all agreed to unite in an evangelistic campaign, which will be held some time during March, probably about the first of the month. This campaign is to be out of the ordinary and will give all of the people of Alma and surrounding towns an opportunity to hear Rev. Edward P. Loose of Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Rev. Loose is known throughout the country as a man with a wonderful personality, and an eloquent speaker. He has conducted similar campaigns in many cities and towns and without exception they have all been a success. His converts are numbered by the thousands and probably the record was established in Mitchell, Indiana, when he converted 500 in one night.

He will be assisted by Professor Haldor Lillenas who is the author of over seven hundred songs and hymns.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Alma, Mich., Jan. 26, 1915. Regular meeting of the common council of the City of Alma in council rooms on the above date. The council was called to order by the mayor, Hon. Albert P. Cook.

Present—Ald. McConkey, Willard, Ogden, Ward and Kehn.

There being a quorum present, the council was declared to be in session.

The Journal of the preceding session was read and approved.

On motion of Ald. Ogden, supported by Ald. Ward, that the request of the chief relative to hook and ladder trucks be referred to the committee of fire department to make a report at next meeting. Motion carried.

On motion of Ald. Ward, supported by Ald. Willard, that they accept the proposition of Arthur Beshgetoor to remodel the present fire alarm system, which vote was as follows: Yeas—Ald. McConkey, Willard, Ogden, Ward and Kehn.

On motion of Ald. Ward, supported by Ald. Willard, that the clerk be instructed to issue an order for \$55.48 to pay balance due on the G. A. R. monument which vote was as follows: Yeas, Ald. McConkey, Willard, Ogden, Ward and Kehn.

On motion of Ald. Willard, supported by Ald. Ogden, that the following claims be allowed at footing and the clerk be instructed to issue orders for the same, which vote was as follows: Yeas, Ald. McConkey, Willard, Ogden, Ward and Kehn.

General Fund.

Central City Chemical Co., bill \$24.00
Smith & Clapp, bill 4.07
Cushing & Benedict, bill 20.00
W. H. Miner & Son, bill 2.10
H. Redman, labor 1.40
Geo. Malin, labor .50
Ed. Carner, labor .50
Bert Adams, labor .40

Highway Fund.

James DeRusha, labor \$ 4.00

Water Fund.

National Meter Co., bill \$18.10
Home Lumber & Fuel Co., bill 2.14
H. J. Voller, labor 25.00

On motion of Ald. Ward, supported by Ald. Willard, the council adjourned.

D. W. ADAMS, City Clerk.

ALBERT P. COOK, Mayor.

Keep it Handy for Rheumatism

No use to squirm and wince and try to wear out your Rheumatism. It will wear you out instead. Apply some Sloan's Liniment. Need not rub it in—just let it penetrate all through the affected parts, relieve the soreness and draw the pain. You get ease at once and feel so much better you want to go right out and tell other sufferers about Sloan's. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25 cents of any druggist and have it in the house—against Colds, Sore and Swollen Joints, Lumbago, Sciatica and like ailments. Your money back if not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief. Buy a bottle today.

M. A. C. Rural Life Conference

President Butterfield of Massachusetts Agricultural college opens his volume on "The Country Church and the Rural Problem" with this statement:—"The country church faces a crisis." A prominent Michigan lecturer on rural problems said on the public platform recently,—"Many country churches are empty and many are worse than empty."

These statements suggest rural conditions which need attention. It is welcome news to learn that the Michigan Agricultural college is going to hold a conference of rural social workers with a view of rendering assistance to the rural pastor. This individual needs just the help which a conference of this kind can give him. He will come in contact with leaders in his work who, out of large experience, can give real assistance. The pastor must become a leader in his community, and this can be achieved most readily by co-operation with others in the study of rural problems. Detailed information of this conference is sent out by the college in a special bulletin.

A Test for Liver Complaint

Mentally Unhappy—Physically, Dull

The Liver, sluggish and inactive, first shows itself in a mental state—unhappy and critical. Never is there joy in living, as when the Stomach and Liver are doing their work. Keep your Liver active and healthy by using Dr. King's New Life Pills; they empty the Bowels freely, tone up your Stomach, cure your Constipation and purify the Blood. 25c at Druggist. Bucklen's Arnica Salve excellent for Piles.

AUCTION SALE

The undersigned will sell at Public Auction at the premises on

Saturday, Feb. 6, 1915

AT 2 O'CLOCK P. M., THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE

Edwards Hotel Building

Alma, Michigan

The building will be sold in four parts, and be removed 30 days after date of sale.

Terms of Sale

Six months' time on good approved notes with interest at 7 per cent. Two per cent discount for cash.



HOOPER & GLAVIN,

Proprietors

J. E. WIGGINS, Auctioneer